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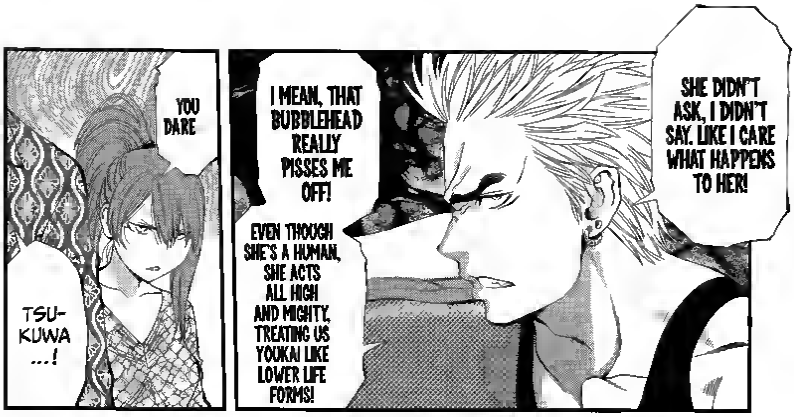
Team! And
Then...

YOU MET THE TRUE HEIR TO THE MORIBITO-SAMA?!
IS . IS IT REALLY THE TRUE HEIR.. ?!
LIKE I CARE! THAT'S JUST WHAT THAT WOMAN SAID, OKAY!?
YEAH, WE MET HIM! LAST NIGHT, SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF AKIBA!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?! KEEP YOUR DAMN VOICE DOWN!

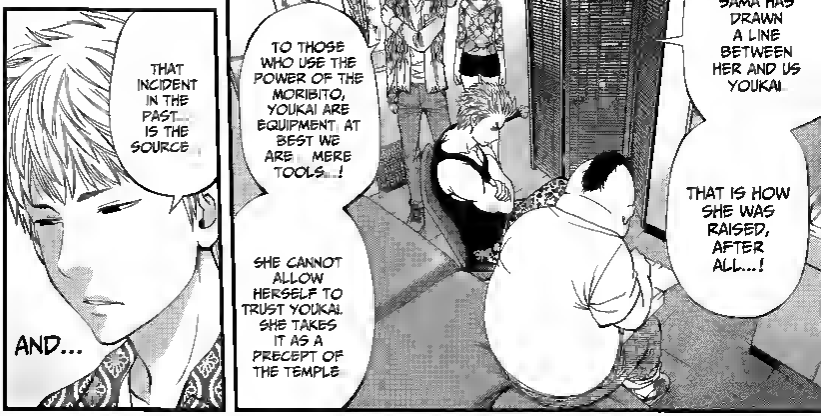
A... AND WHAT ABOUT TSURUGI-SAMA?!
SHE STAYED BEHIND TO SUCK UP TO HIM, HOPING TO GET TO MEET THE MORIBITO!
CHOMP CHOMP
WELL, SOME-THING SMELLS FISHY TO ME!
WHAT DOES?
CHOMP
A... AND YET YOU JUST LEFT TSURUGI-SAMA THERE?!
HAH?!
HE HAS A DULL FACE, WITH NOTHING GOING ON IN THAT HEAD! AND HE LOOKS FUCKIN' WEAK!
THAT "TRUE HEIR"!
THAT WOMAN BELIEVES IN HIM, BUT I DON'T THINK HE KNOWS SHIT ABOUT THE MORIBITO!


SHE DIDN'T ASK, I DIDN'T SAY. LIKE I CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HER!
I MEAN, THAT BUBBLEHEAD REALLY PISSES ME OFF!
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A HUMAN, SHE ACTS ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY, TREATING US YOUKAI LIKE LOWER LIFE FORMS!
YOU DARE
TSU-KUWA ...!

AS LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS TO YOURSELF, I PUT UP WITH THEM...
BUT IF YOU SPEAK YOUR MIND, YOU WILL PAY...!

HAAAH ?
AND HOW ARE *YOU* GONNA MAKE ME PAY?!
GRAB
YOU THINK ONE LITTLE SHIT OF A YOUKAI LIKE YOU IS GONNA BEAT ME?!
ONE...?

WHAT IF THERE ARE TWO...?
YEAH?!
DAMN
IT'S FINE IF IT'S JUST THAT ITOME BASTARD BY HIMSELF, BUT
IF IT'S HER AT THE SAME TIME
FOR THIS MUCH,
A SIMPLE "I'M SORRY" WILL DO!
!
DAMN!
YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE TO READ!
AND YOU'VE BEEN EATING THIS WHOLE TIME! YOU REEK OF PIZZA!
PLOP
OPEN
LATELY YOU'VE BEEN TOO CLOSE TO THE PROBLEM, TSUKUWA, SO YOU MAY NOT HAVE REALIZED THIS, BUT
MINE


TSURUGI-SAMA HAS DRAWN A LINE BETWEEN HER AND US YOUKAI
THAT IS HOW SHE WAS RAISED, AFTER ALL...!
TO THOSE WHO USE THE POWER OF THE MORIBITO, YOUKAI ARE EQUIPMENT. AT BEST WE ARE... MERE TOOLS...!
SHE CANNOT ALLOW HERSELF TO TRUST YOUKAI. SHE TAKES IT AS A PRECEPT OF THE TEMPLE
THAT INCIDENT IN THE PAST... IS THE SOURCE
AND...

THAT IS THE CAUSE...
OF TSURUGI-SAMA CLOSING OFF HER HEART...

EH?!
Sofmap
GAME

YOU'RE GOING OUT TO LOOK FOR HER?!
YOU'LL GO YOURSELF, YATSUKI-SAMA?!
YUP! I THINK NIA-CHAN WILL BE BACK SOON, BUT...
I'M JUST A BIT WORRIED.
ANYWAY, LET'S ALL SPLIT UP AND SEARCH!
GOT IT!
バタン
SLAM
THE NEXT MORIBITO-SAMA HIMSELF IS SEARCHING FOR A MISSING YOUKAI...?!
EVEN THOUGH HE COULD JUST HAVE HER FELLOW YOUKAI DO IT...
WHY WOULD HE GO TO ALL OF THAT TROUBLE...?
I... I AM GOING TOO!
NO, WAIT...
IF I STEP UP HERE, THIS COULD BE A CHANCE TO GET HIM TO NOTICE ME...!!

NIAAA!
NEKO-MATAAA!

NIA SUZUNARI!!!
NIA-CHAN... WHY WOULD YOU SUDDENLY ?
I BET IT'S...
I... HAVE NO INTENTION OF BECOMING JUNK'S TOOL !
MMM... SHE'S NOT AROUND HERE...
IN THE FIRST PLACE, FINDING ONE BLACK CAT IN ALL OF AKIBA WITH A HAPHAZARD SEARCH IS... AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU COME ALONG
BUT YATSUKI-SAMA IS LOOKING FOR HER HIMSELF,
SO THAT NEKOMATA MUST BE A USEFUL PARTNER!
EH?
THIS IS NOTHING, IF IT WILL HELP ME TO MEET MORIBITO-SAMA!
NO, NO! I'M TOTALLY FINE WITH IT!
AH...
THE REISHI UNION!
NO... IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE A REISHI BONDING...

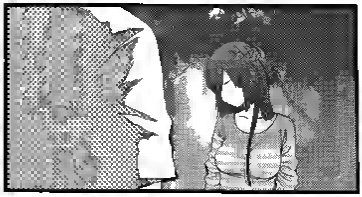
EH?!
YOU HAVEN'T FORMED A REISHI UNION WITH THAT NEKOMATA...?!
YEAH...
SHE SAID SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BECOME MY "TOOL".
HUH?!

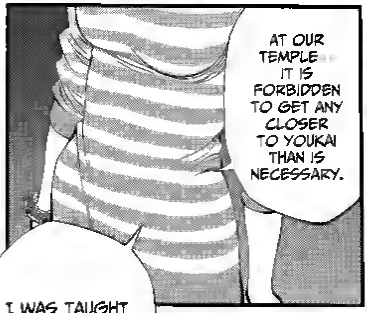
I..
DON'T MEAN TO BORROW THE GIRLS' POWER ALL THE TIME...
I HAVE NEVER ONCE CONSIDERED THEM TOOLS...
WELL THEN, THAT MAKES IT ALL FINE!
IF SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE A TOOL, THEN YOU CAN JUST TOSS HER ASIDE, RIGHT?
WHY WOULD YOU GO SO FAR FOR A YOUKAI LIKE THAT?!

EH...?

NIA-CHAN IS A FRIEND..
A VALUED COMRADE
EH...?
ER... WHY...?
YOU CAN BE FRIENDS WITH YOUKAI, YOU KNOW!!
EH...? EH?!
WHOA, HOLD ON A MINUTE! I MEAN, WE'RE TALK-ING ABOUT A YOUKAI, RIGHT?!

EH..?




AT OUR TEMPLE IT IS FORBIDDEN TO GET ANY CLOSER TO YOUKAI THAN IS NECESSARY.

I WAS TAUGHT TO DRAW A LINE BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE YOUKAI I FORMED A REISHI UNION WITH...
WHY IS THAT...?

THINKING SUCH NAIVE THINGS...
CAN GET YOU KILLED, YOU KNOW...?

MY GRAND-MOTHER...
WAS KILLED BY A SERVILE YOUKAI...!

MY GRAND-MOTHER, WHO USED THE BALLS OF BLOOD, JUST AS I DO, WAS AN ARTS USER WHO SUBJUGATED DOZENS OF YOUKAI.
IT IS A TALE FROM WHEN I WAS VERY LITTLE, SO I DON'T RECALL MOST OF IT, BUT...

ONE OF THOSE YOUKAI BETRAYED HER, AND TOOK HER LIFE
IT KILLED HER IN HER SLEEP...
BUT...
GRAND-MOTHER TREATED HER SERVILE YOUKAI AS COMRADES WHOM SHE FOUGHT BESIDE
SHE ATE WITH THEM, SLEPT WITH THEM...
SHE LOVED THEM LIKE HER OWN FAMILY

NO MATTER HOW MUCH TRUST THERE IS, PEOPLE AND YOUKAI
CAN NEVER COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER DOWN TO THE DEPTHS OF THEIR HEARTS...!

OH MAN...
I HEAR YOU, BUT...
I'D HATE THAT...!
.....
I CAN'T SEPARATE MYSELF FROM THEM...!
I DON'T WANT TO THINK OF THEM AS TOOLS...!
I WANT TO GET ALONG WITH THEM...!

TO ME, THEY ARE PRECIOUS FRIENDS...
PRACTI-CALLY FAMILY...!!
YOUKAI ARE NOT PEOPLE... IF I WERE TO LABEL THEM, I'D SAY THEY ARE THE SAME AS WILD BEASTS.
A BEAST THAT POSSESSES INTELLIGENCE WILL TRICK YOU WITH DECEITFUL WORDS AND BETRAY YOU...!
IF YOU TRUST THEM, IT CREATES AN OPENING FOR THEM...
LIKE THIS ...?!
HE'S KID-DING... ISN'T HE...?
THIS IS HOW THE NEXT MORIBITO-SAMA THINKS...?

THAT YOU SHOULD OPEN YOUR HEART IS COMMON WISDOM, BUT THERE EXIST MANY MONSTERS WHO WILL EXPLOIT THAT.
WHEN THEY SPOT AN OPENING, THEY WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU WILL GRADUALLY LOSE YOUR POWER OF LEADERSHIP AND LOSE YOUR COMMAND OF THEM.
IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THIS...
THAT IS THE FATE OF OUR KITTOKUJI FAMILY, WHO SERVE THE MORIBITO-SAMA, AS HANDED DOWN BY MORIBITO-SAMA...!
IN FRONT OF YOUKAI, YOU MUST NEVER SHOW AN OPENING! DO NOT TRUST THEM...!
THIS PERSON KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT IT...
THE PAINED LOOK ON MY GRAND-FATHER'S FACE...
SO THIS... IS HOW THE TRUE HEIR THINKS...?
HE'S SO AB-SURDLY NAIVE!
TO DO NOTHING BUT SPOUT SUCH PLATI-TUDES...
THIS IS WHAT THE NEXT MORIBITO IS LIKE...?
IT WILL ONLY BEGET SUFFERING ALL OVER AGAIN.
I CANNOT FORGET IT...

PLEASE HAVE A MATCH WITH ME...!
IF HE'S SO DIFFERENT, THEN SOMETHING FUNNY IS GOING ON...!!
EH...?
IF YOU WIN, I SHALL ADOPT YOUR WAY OF THINKING...!
I WILL DEDICATE MY LIFE TO FOLLOWING YOU, AND FIGHTING BESIDE YOU...!
BUT ...
I CAN'T ACCEPT
IF I SHOULD WIN...
SUCH A NAIVE PERSON AS THE "TRUE HEIR"...

YOU WILL GIVE TO ME THAT WHICH IS THE PROOF OF THE TRUE HEIR.
I ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT ACCEPT IT...!!
YOU WILL GIVE ME THAT BLOOD...!!
!!?